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Shelly S. Owens Joins the Chief's Office



Shelly S. Owens joined the Chief's Office as her Executive Management Coordinator effective December 18, 2017.

Ms. Owens was born and raised in Hampton, VA with her twin sister. She and her husband are the proud parents of three daughters. She enjoys reading, sewing, and baking. Ms. Owens earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Strayer University. Ms. Owens previously worked with the Department of Health and Human Services.

Major Matthews Announces Northeast District Front Desk Officer

On November 20, 2017, Major J.J. Matthews announced the selection of Senior Officer C.B. Davidson as the Northeast District Desk Officer. The assignment was effective November 25, 2017.



Officer C.B. Davidson

Major Limper Announces Training Unit Officers

On December 4, 2017, Major B.N. Limper announced the selection of officers to the Training Unit. The assignment was effective December 9, 2017. The officers selected to serve in the Training Unit are: Senior Officer A.P. Carpenter, Senior Officer J. Patton, Senior Officer M.J. Reeves, Senior Officer H.K. Slade, and Senior Officer K.M. Smithey.







Officer A.P. Carpenter

Officer J. Patton

Officer M.J. Reeves



Officer H.K. Slade



Officer K.M. Smithey

Major Haines Announces Selection of Canine Officers

On November 30, 2017, Major C.E. Haines announced the appointment of two officers to the Canine Unit. The assignment was effective December 9, 2017. The officers selected to serve in the Canine Unit are: Senior Officer J.L. Reitmeyer and Senior Officer R.A. Sirianna.





Officer J.L. Reitmeyer

Officer R.A. Sirianna

Retirements

Lieutenant L.D. Clark



On October 31, 2017, Chief Deck-Brown presented Lieutenant L.D. Clark with a Chief's Citation for his service to the Department. Lieutenant Clark began his career with the Department as a member of 55th Academy. He served on the Bicycle Squad and as a Major Accident Investigator. In 1999, he was promoted to Corporal. In 2001, he was selected to serve with the Traffic Enforcement Unit. In 2005, he was promoted to Sergeant, supervising patrol officers in the North District. He returned to the Traffic Enforcement Unit in 2006 as supervisor. In 2013, he was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to the Downtown District, overseeing C Platoon. In December 2015, he transferred to the Northwest District where he served until his retirement effective on January 1.

Senior Detective K.M. Norman



On December 11, 2017, Deputy Chief R.C. Council presented Senior Detective K.M. Norman with a Chief's Citation for his service to the Department. Prior to joining the Department, he served in the United States Navy in the Persian Gulf during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Detective Norman began his career with the Department as a member of the 64th Academy. He was assigned as a patrol officer on E Platoon. In 2006, he was promoted to Detective and assigned to the Robbery Task Force and served with the Homicide Unit. In 2014, he was assigned to the FBI and served as a member of the Violent Crimes against Children Unit until his retirement effective on January 1.

Auto Service Technician Darryl Gause



On December 21, 2017, Chief Deck-Brown presented Mr. Darryl Gause with a Chief's Citation for his service to the Department. Mr. Gause joined the Department in 1986 as a Service Attendant. He performed a variety of routine maintenance tasks and performed upfit work in the early years at the old RPD Headquarters building at 110 S. McDowell Street. In 1993, the structure of the Department and facilities changed. It was around this time that he became an Auto Service Technician. Though the Department may have changed a great deal, the level of excellence with which he completed his duties remained consistent during his more than 30 years with the Department. Mr. Gause continued to serve in the Police Service Center until his retirement effective on January 1.

Fiscal Services Manager Belinda Barrow



On December 22, 2017, Chief Deck-Brown presented Ms. Barrow with a Chief's Citation for her service to the Department. Prior to joining the Department, Ms. Barrow worked with the Greensboro Police Department for more than 18 years in Human Resources and Training. She joined the Department in 2004 as the new Grants Manager. Her dedication to the law enforcement field brought millions of dollars of grant funding to the Department. The funding enabled the purchase of technology, specialized equipment, extra duty pay to address crime problems, support of youth programs, and advance training opportunities. In 2013, she was promoted to Fiscal Services Unit Manager, responsible for daily budget management. Ms. Barrow served in that position until her retirement effective on January 1.

Senior Officer L.L. Keelin



On December 28, 2017, Chief Deck-Brown presented Senior Officer L.L. Keelin with a Chief's Citation for her service to the Department. Prior to joining the Raleigh Police Department, Officer Keelin served in the United States Army as a military police officer. Officer Keelin began her career with the Department as a member of the 61st Academy. The following year she was deployed oversees in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Shortly after her return, she was assigned to the Bicycle Squad. In 2001, Officer Keelin was reclassified to Senior Officer and was selected to serve as a crime prevention officer. She also served as a member of the Mobile Field Force Unit, the Board of Awards Committee, and the Merchandise Committee. In 2012, she was named "Officer of the Year" by the American Legion Post 1. Officer Keelin was also elected as the first female president of the

North Carolina Crime Prevention Association. She served as the Southeast District Crime Prevention Officer until her retirement effective on January 1.

Sergeant D.J. Gates



On December 29, 2017, Chief Deck-Brown presented Sergeant D.J. Gates with a Chief's Citation for his service to the Department. Officer Gates began his career with the Department as a member of the 61st Academy. During this time, he also served with the United States Army Reserve. In 2000, he was selected as a School Resource Officer until being deployed oversees for five years. Upon his return, he served in the Downtown District. Sergeant Gates was also selected as a member of the Bomb Squad. In 2015, he was promoted to Sergeant, supervising patrol officers in the Northeast District. He was selected to supervise the Northeast District Community Squad where he served until his retirement effective on January 1.

Letters of Appreciation

Chief Deck-Brown:

My son is a United States Marine stationed at Camp Lejeune. He attended a concert in Raleigh and was assaulted after he asked another man to quit assaulting his girlfriend. Officer J.C. Vucich arrested the man who assaulted my son and later went to the hospital to follow-up. The left side of my son's face was shattered, requiring reconstructive surgery. The suspect was charged with a felony. Officer M.K. Horstmann also helped with the case. As a father, the severity of the damage done to my son hit me kind of hard. I am a retired Franklin County Ohio Deputy Sheriff. If these officers are any indication of your leadership then my hat is off to you Chief. These two officers are a credit to your department and I wanted you to know their kindness and professionalism meant a lot.

Edward Baker MCP Racine, Ohio

Raleigh Police Department:

Thank you very much for your responsiveness to my call. I appreciate all that you have done in responding to me and what you do for others in the community.

M. L. Biggersstaff